

BEST AVAILABLE COPYApplication No.: 09/987,772Docket No.: 1519-031**REMARKS**

The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter of claims 4, 6-8 and 9-12 is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1, 4-5 and 7-12 are pending in the instant application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 6, now cancelled. Claims 1, 4-5, and 7-9 have been amended to improve claim language and/or correct their dependency without otherwise touching the merits. All claims now include the indicated allowable subject matter and should be allowed.

Early indication of allowance is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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